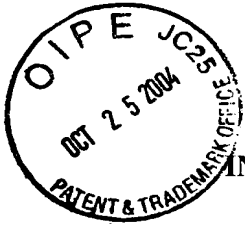


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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 16 of this paper.